

I think this is probably a good deal for the country as a whole and a fair price, and we should move forward with it.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER), ranking member on the Committee on Resources.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me, and I want to congratulate the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON) for this legislation.

I think we would make a terrible mistake if we thought about this in very narrow terms, if we thought about this simply as a matter of dollars. Obviously, we have an obligation to think about the dollars that we expend. This legislation is drafted with that in mind, and the requirements for self-sufficiency.

We did this when we acquired the Presidio and created the national park there after the Army left, in San Francisco. We did that because we recognized that this was one of the unique natural assets in our Nation.

Today we do the same thing with the Baca Ranch. It is not like we discovered this ranch yesterday. It is not like people just all of a sudden realized this was of value. People have recognized this as a value, a natural asset in this country, for many, many years. We now have the opportunity, through the cooperation of the family, to make this a part of our Federal land base, a land base that is envied around the world; a land base that, as many will find with the Baca Ranch, in many ways become economic generators to communities because tourists want to see these protected lands, whether it is the headwaters of the rivers or whether it is the great valleys of this ranch or the wildlife.

Fortunately, this Nation, this Congress, and Presidents of both parties have continued to acquire these lands. It is not to acquire them willy-nilly, it is to acquire them based upon a set of values and a set of assets that are unique, that are important to the history and the heritage of this country.

Clearly the Baca Ranch qualifies in every category, however we measure it. But if we thought about it in very narrow terms, we probably never would have done Yosemite, we never would have created the Tetons, Yellowstone, Arches, the Gateways, any of these great national parks and wilderness areas and Federal preserves in this country. This is to protect it for future generations.

That is what we have done best in this country. That is why other governments send people here to look at this and to see how they can manage lands and open them up for recreation, how

we can have the public participate in the utilization of these lands, and at the same time protect them for future generations.

I would hope that this House would give overwhelming support for this legislation. This is truly one of the gifts we give this Nation to be enjoyed by future generations, to preserve and protect the uniqueness of this ranch which was fortunately held in one ownership for so many years, and cared for in the manner in which it was cared for.

The House ought to recognize that and support this legislation, and thank our two colleagues from New Mexico for getting this matter before the House of Representatives, and thank the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) for his stewardship of this legislation through the Committee on Resources.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to thank a few people that have been involved in this. Clearly, the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON) has shown leadership in getting this through the House.

The gentleman from Utah (Chairman HANSEN), I want to thank him for his stewardship and his ability to pull it together and move this thing along. People have been waiting a long time in New Mexico, and we owe a debt of gratitude to the gentleman for working very hard on this bill.

I know the gentleman worked very closely with the ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) to get this to the floor, and I want to thank the gentleman from California for his excellent leadership in negotiating this bill through the rocky shoals of the House.

I also want to thank the New Mexico delegation, Senator DOMENICI, Senator BINGAMAN, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. SKEEN), who earlier chaired that appropriations bill through and who has been a really fine Member from New Mexico. The entire delegation pulled together on this issue to try to see that it got done, and today we are getting very, very close.

Also, I would like to thank the Members of the Committee staff who have worked with me and the ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER): Rick Healy, John Lawrence, David Watkins, and all the others who have worked with us.

I think this is a great example of bipartisanship. It is the House at its best, and I am very proud to be part of this effort.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to thank the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the gentlewoman from

New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON) for the fine job they have done on this legislation.

I had the opportunity of going to the Baca Ranch a couple of years ago with the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. REGULA). It is one of the more beautiful places on Earth. It is one of the most outstanding places to see.

I would hope that many Americans could now take advantage of seeing this ground that has previously been closed for a number of years. It is a lot of money, I realize, but I really think this would be a great addition to the West.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1892.

The question was taken.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and add extraneous matter on S. 1892.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

J.L. DAWKINS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4658) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Green Street in Fayetteville, North Carolina, as the "J.L. Dawkins Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4658

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. J.L. DAWKINS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Green Street in Fayetteville, North Carolina, shall be known and designated as the "J.L. Dawkins Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to